

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

REGULATORY AUTH.

IN RE: PETITION OF UNITED CITIES GAS  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A  
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH  
UNION CITY, TENNESSEE

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United Cities Gas Company hereby petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-107 and requests approval of its franchise agreement with Murfreesboro, Tennessee. A copy of the ordinance embodying the franchise agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In support of this Petition, United Cities states the following:

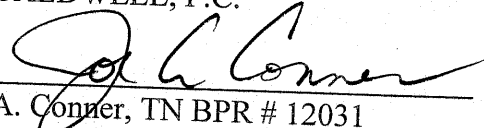
1. United Cities is a division of Atmos Energy Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and qualified to do business in Tennessee. United Cities' principal place of business is located at 810 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600, Franklin, Tennessee 37067.
2. United Cities is engaged in the public utility business of furnishing natural gas to customers in numerous counties and cities in Tennessee.

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3. The city of Murfreesboro, Tennessee has passed a valid ordinance on third and final reading on June 8, 2000 granting to United Cities the nonexclusive right to provide natural gas service to the city for a period of 15 years.

Wherefore, United Cities respectfully requests that the franchise agreement embodied in the attached ordinance be approved by the TRA and found to be fair, necessary, reasonable and proper to serve the public interest.

BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN  
& CALDWELL, P.C.

  
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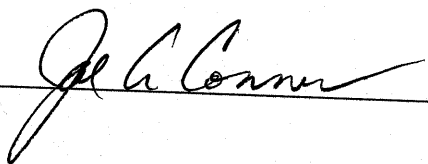
Attorneys for United Cities Gas Company

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

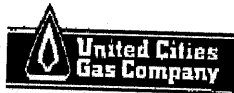
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed, postage prepaid, to the following parties of interest this 9 day of April, 2002.

Richard Collier  
General Counsel, Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Timothy C. Phillips  
Office of Attorney General and Reporter  
Consumer Advocate Division  
P.O. Box 20207  
Nashville, TN 37202



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. A. Connor", is written over a horizontal line.



Thomas R. Blose, Jr.  
President

June 9, 2000

The Honorable W. Richard Reeves  
Mayor  
City of Murfreesboro  
P.O. Box 1139  
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1139

Dear Richard,

On behalf of all of us at United Cities, let me thank you again for your support and leadership in the renewal of our franchise. We appreciate the opportunity to continue our long-standing partnership with Murfreesboro and will do everything in our power to offer safe, quality and low cost service to the citizens and businesses of the community.

I especially appreciate your kind remarks last night and the opportunity to publicly thank you and members of the City Council for your confidence in United Cities Gas Company. We have an outstanding group of employees in our Murfreesboro office and they are dedicated to serving this community's natural gas service needs. I hope you will call me at any time should questions or problems arise and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Tom Blose

cc: Jay Murray-Operations Supervisor, Murfreesboro  
Denise Manning-Manager of Public Affairs, Central Region  
Bob Kerley-Sales Manager, Central Region  
Gary Price-Vice President, Central Region  
Joe Conner-Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell